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William Gardner

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Dear Relatives,

My father, Clive Gardner, and I often tried to find the graves of his grandparents, on his father's side, William and Janet Livingston Gardner. On the genealogy sheets it clearly states that they were buried in the Murray City Cemetery but Dad and I could never find their graves.

Last Memorial Day, I finally found the cemetery care taker's office open and a young lady pulled the files and most graciously took me to Janet and William's burial site (block 4 Lot 10). This is right across the street, east of where most of my relatives are buried. The reason we could not find the graves before was because there are no headstones. I feel that this is not appropriate and am therefore writing to you.

When Wes came to visit recently we talked of installing a headstone for William and Janet ourselves. We found a beautiful headstone, but then we realized there were four other unmarked graves in this plot where members of William and Janet's family are buried. Therefore, we decided to broaden our communication to other family members in hopes of installing a larger monument, one allowing us to also list the name, birth and death dates of these other family members. The cost of this monument is possibly \$900.00 compared to about \$300 for a marker for just Janet and William.

We have also had difficulty finding out for sure who was buried there. But with the records at the cemetery, names and dates, and the extensive research that has been done I feel quite confident that the information we now have is correct; however I would like to talk to any family members of the Brigham and Adell Gardner Family to compare dates etc.

The descendants of Archibald Gardner, my greatgrandfather and father of my Grandmother Rebekah (Gardner) Gardner, whom I deeply respect, have recently erected a beautiful monument to him in Afton, Wyoming and have also more recently, completed restoring the Archibald Gardner cemetery plot in Salt Lake and have erected a large monument to him, his wives and descendants. Other monuments as a tribute to Archibald are even found in Canada.

Archibald has been so widely acclaimed, and I feel his brother William, also my GreatGrandfather, father of Heber L. Gardner my Grandfather should be recognized with a monument. I have read and heard where William was indeed a righteous man and has served in the bishopric and has also contributed much work in the service of his fellowmen. Therefore, I have feel strongly that we should at least have a headstone for William and Janet and hopefully other family members buried there.

We are sending this letter to:

1. Vern Finlayson
2. Ina Gardner Brockbank
3. Lee Dimond
4. Fern Richardson Douglas
5. Dixie Gardner
6. Uncle Allan's Ethelyn
7. Bill Gardner
8. Wes Gardner
9. John R. Gardner
10. Allah G. Devey
11. Ethel G. Cook
12. Margaret E. Dahl
13. R. Grant Gardner
14. Brinte D. Carlile
15. Kendell Hyde

I am wondering if these family members would be willing to contact their brothers and sisters to see if they would like to donate to what we feel is a very worthy cause. Also please notify me of other family members who would be interested in helping. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. As to an amount to donate, please give what you feel good about giving.

I appreciate your consideration and do hope you will feel as I do that this would be a fitting tribute to William and Janet Gardner.

Sincerely,

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